

CITY TO BE URGED TO COMBAT GRAVE PERIL FROM MOSQUITOES

Movement Started to Exterminate Pest Whose Menace to Health Is Beyond Estimate, Experts Declare.

Many diseases besides yellow fever and malaria are directly traceable to mosquitoes bred in marshland, ditches and in buildings throughout Greater New York, yet the City Administration totally ignores the menace and Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health, denies that such a condition exists, declares Dr. Alvah H. Doty, who, as Officer of the Port during and after the Spanish-American War, exterminated the mosquito on Staten Island.

Dr. Doty made this declaration last night at a meeting called by Henry L. Doherty, financier, which was held in his home atop the Battery Park Building, No. 21 State Street. Attending the meeting were several experts in the extermination of the mosquito from New Jersey, Long Island and New York counties north of this city.

At the meeting a motion picture depicting extermination in New Jersey was shown. This picture brought out the fact that land valued at \$257,000,000 has been reclaimed and developed in New Jersey since the suppression of the mosquito pest on that land. The picture was seven months in the making and was done by Charles Urban.

"If I were asked to place my finger on one outstanding fact relative to the suppression of mosquitoes," said Dr. Doty, "I would say with all the emphasis at my command that we do not yet know what the mosquito will do in the way of carrying disease. We know that it communicates yellow fever and malaria. These are scientific facts, and experiments have indicated that they also cause epidemics of elephantiasis, intestinal troubles, fevers and various other diseases. This phase of medical research is sadly neglected."

Mr. Doherty, in his introduction of Dr. Doty, declared that the city is using its every power to protect its residents from crimes of violence, but that in the coming year mortality from mosquito infection would be a hundred times greater than from crimes of violence, and yet nothing is done to combat this peril.

Mr. Doherty said he has frequent occasions to visit more than 200 villages, towns and cities in his business and he finds New York the worst in the matter of mosquitoes. He called the pest the most dangerous enemy of mankind and urged education of the public in means to combat it.

H. B. Maurer, Executive Secretary of the Suffolk County Mosquito Extermination Committee, who was the representative even to urge the Administration to take up extermination measures.

As a result of the meeting a campaign will be launched in this city by representative men to urge the Administration to take up extermination measures.

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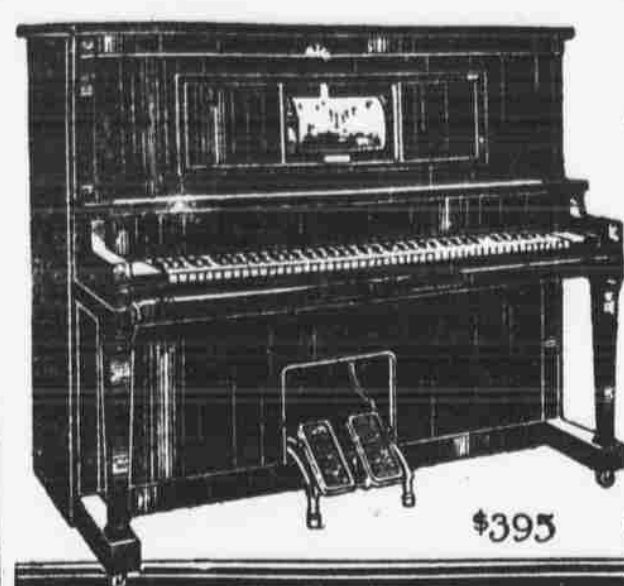
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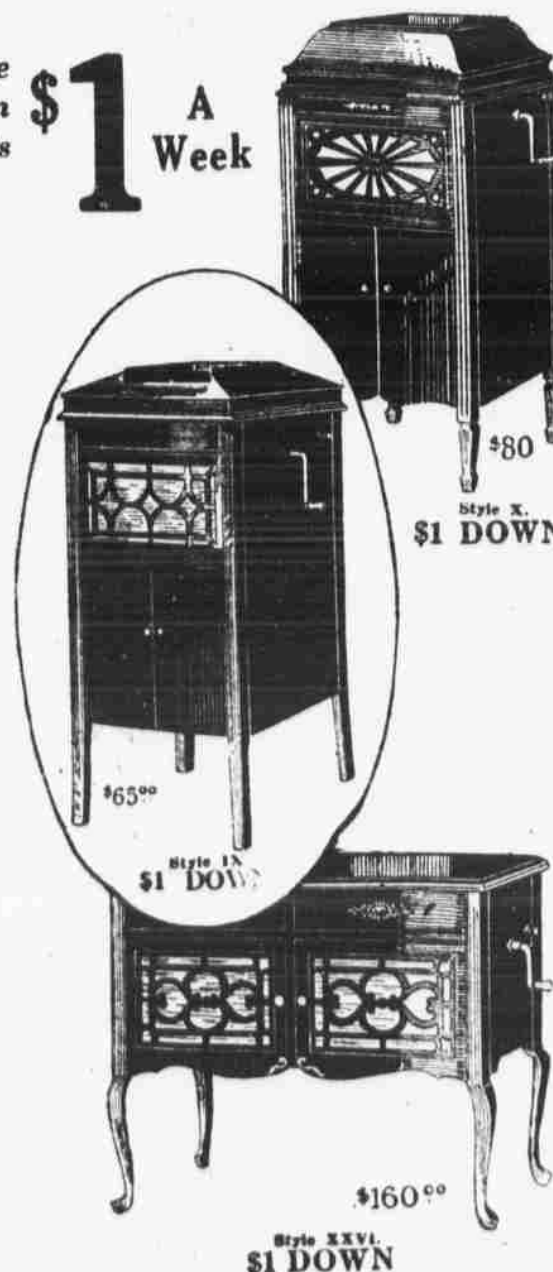
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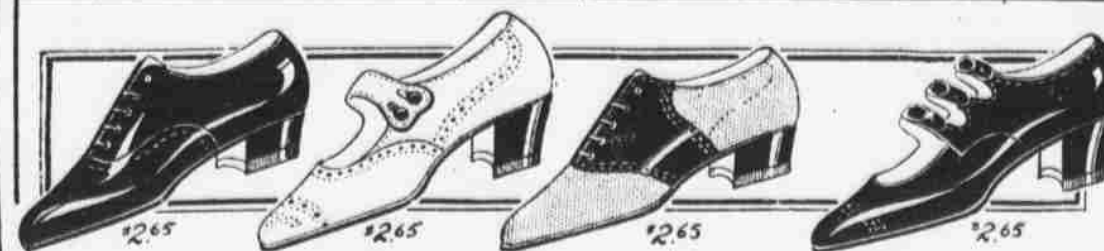
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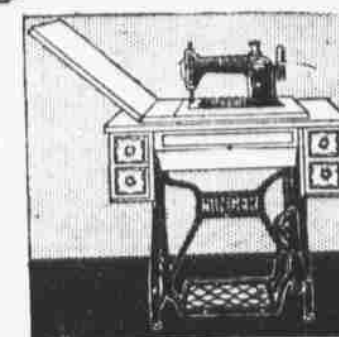


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